

REMARKS

Claims 2-7 and 12-15 are pending in this application.

In response to the Election of Species Requirement, Applicants hereby provisionally elect Species II, i.e., the Species of Figures 16-27, and Sub-species VII, i.e., the Sub-species of Figure 27. This election is made with traverse.

In further response to the Election of Species Requirement, Applicants respectfully assert that at least claim 14 is generic to at least the elected Species II.

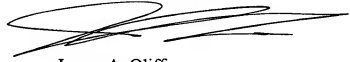
Applicants traverse the election of species requirement on the ground that the generic claims are not so broad as to place an undue burden on the Patent Office to search and examine the full scope of the claims. Rather, Applicants respectfully assert that search and examination of the entire application could be conducted without undue burden on the Examiner, thus avoiding delay and expense to Applicants.

Applicants further understand, however, that upon search, examination and allowance of the elected species, search and examination will continue as to the non-elected species within the scope of the generic claims.

Entry of the foregoing amendments and early and favorable consideration of the application are respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the

application, or any suggestions to expedite prosecution, she is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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